

## Meeks Bay Restoration Project *Checklist for Virtual Participation*

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  - ✓ **Please check that your video camera is on if you are a stakeholder forum representative.** If you are joining the meeting as a member of the public, please leave your video off. If you choose to provide a comment during the forum meeting, we ask that you turn on your video while you are speaking.
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  - ✓ **Rename yourself after logging into Zoom.** We ask that you please rename yourself by hovering over your name in the "Participants" tab. Please change your name to be First name Last Name, Affiliation; so we can identify and engage each other better. Ex. "Austin McNerny (CBI, Facilitator)"
  - ✓ **Chats messages will only go to hosts.** Please direct any comments or questions in the chat function to Austin McNerny and we will share them with the group during discussion periods designated on the agenda.
  - ✓ **Bring a learning mindset** as we do our best to maximize engagement to the degree possible in this online setting!
  - ✓ **Meeting will be recorded** for sharing on project website.
- ✓ We will begin the meeting at 9:00 am so please hold tight.

**Thank you!**

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## Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum #5 Welcome!













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# Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Meeting #5 Presentation



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## Summary of Tech + Working Agreements

 "Raise Zoom Hand" to Contribute	 All ideas and points of view have value
 Please MUTE always (Phone - *6)	 Think innovatively and welcome new ideas – solve problems
 Please remind us who you are before you speak	 Be honest, fair, and as candid as possible
 Chat Box for tech questions, links, questions	 Honor time
<b>Tech Support</b> Austin via Chat or Text 510-219-0043	 Patience and creativity working with each other virtually
	 Invite humor and good will

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## Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Meeting #5 Agenda

Time	Topic
9:00	Technology Check / Welcome & Agenda Review / Member Update / Process Status / Collaboration Principles / Meeting #4 Summary Review
9:10	Summary of Significant Developments Since Last Forum Meeting
9:20	Opportunity for Public Comment
9:35	Proposed Project Alternatives and Preliminary Environmental Analysis Presentation and Discussion
10:00	Break - <i>Participants are asked to be back and ready for the meeting to resume promptly at 10:15</i>
10:15	Discussion of Town Hall Input & Forum Responses to Focused Questions
11:30	Overview of Preferred Alternative Selection Process
11:40	Overview of TRPA Governing Board Meeting and Remaining Forum Meetings
11:50	Opportunity for Public Comment
11:55	Next Steps & Closing Remarks
12:00	Adjourn Meeting

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## Meeks Bay Restoration Project Project Development Team (PDT)

- **US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU):**  
Ashley Sibr & Theresa Cody
  - **Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA):** Rebecca Cremeen, Victoria Ortiz and Shannon Friedman
  - **Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LWB):** Brian Judge
  - **Ascent Environmental (Ascent):** Adam Lewandowski & Tiffany Lunday
  - **Design Workshop:** Steve Noll, Ben Fish & Madison Pong
  - **Consensus Building Institute (CBI):** Austin McInerney
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- **LTBMU:** property owner/project proponent and lead agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - **LWB:** lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - **TRPA:** coordinating public engagement process
  - **Ascent:** planning and environmental analysis
  - **Design Workshop:** site planning & alternative development
  - **CBI:** stakeholder assessment and stakeholder forum facilitation

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## Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum Representatives

<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Tahoe Lakefront Owners Association	Jan Brisco
Meeks Bay Vista Property Owners Association	Tony Evans
League to Save Lake Tahoe	Laura Patten
Woodland Pier Association	Bill Anson
Washoe Tribe Cultural/ Language Department	Herman Fillmore
Property Owner	Julie Hutchinson
Washoe Tribe Office of Environmental Protection	Susan Jamerson
Meeks Bay Yacht Club	Steve Matles
Meeks Bay Fire District	Steve McNamara
Lake Tahoe Marina Association	Jim Phelan
Friends of the West Shore	Jennifer Quashnick
Washoe Tribe Meeks Bay Resort	Bernadette Nieto

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## Meeks Bay Restoration Project Stakeholder Forum General Principles of Collaboration

### *Stakeholder Forum representatives will:*

- Be prepared to listen intently to the concerns of others and identify the interests represented.
- Ask questions and seek clarification to ensure full understanding of the content of discussions and other's interests, concerns, and comments.
- Be respectful of other's interests, even if they are not consistent with or oppose your own.
- Regard disagreements as problems to be solved rather than battles to be won.
- Commit to act in good faith and respect the personal integrity and values of others.
- Refrain from ascribing motives or intentions to other participants.

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## Alternative 1 Refinements



- Campgrounds
- Bike path alignment
- Cabin relocations
- Existing parking

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## Alternative 2 Refinements

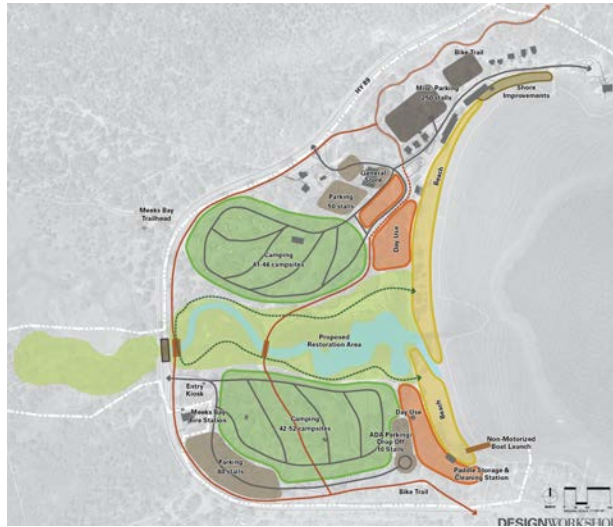


- Campgrounds
- Existing parking

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## Alternative 3 Refinements



- Campgrounds
- Existing parking

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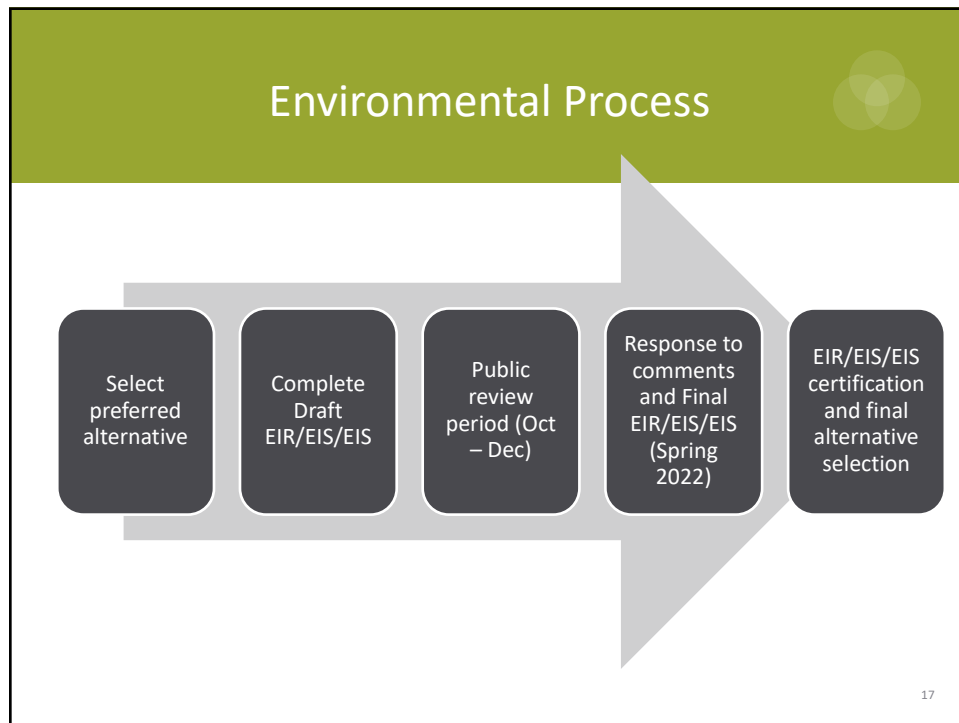
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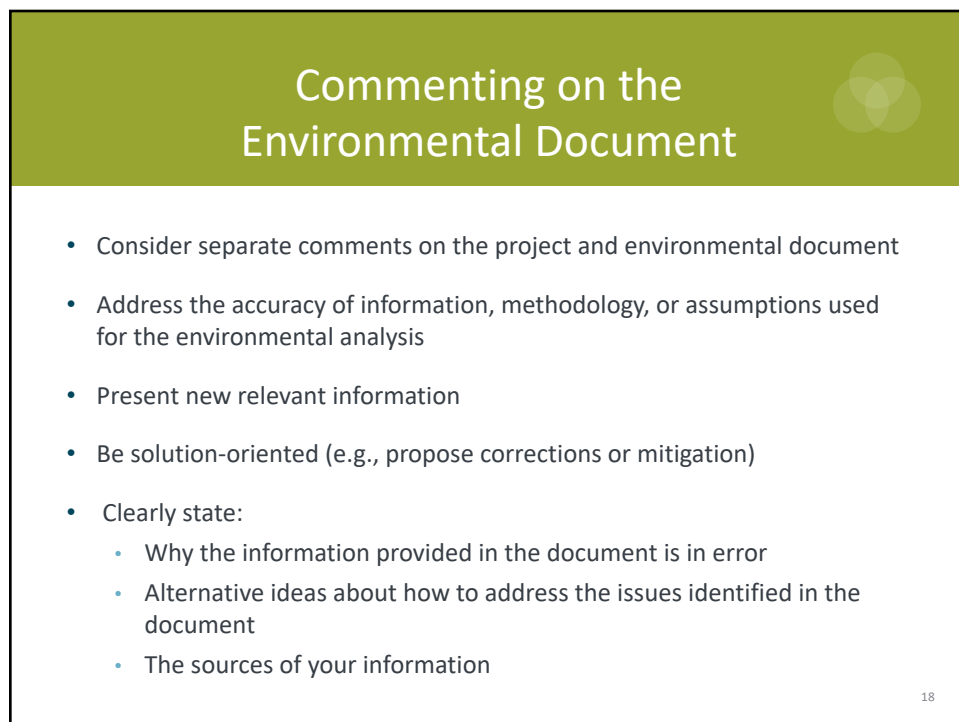
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## Key Environmental Issue – Scenic Quality



**Alternative 1  
boating pier**



**Alternative 2  
pedestrian  
pier**

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## Key Environmental Issue - Recreation



- Quality of recreation opportunity
- Recreational user conflicts
- Regional access and opportunities for motorized watercraft
- Localized access and opportunities for motorized watercraft
- Access to Lake Tahoe and the project area

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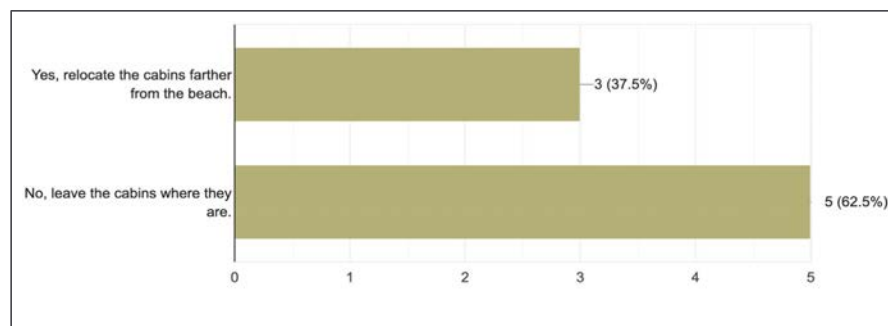
## Discussion of Town Hall Input & Forum Responses to Focused Questions

- 95 individuals provided input to Town Hall
- Survey completed by the following Stakeholder Forum members:
  - Friends of the West Shore (Jennifer Quashnick)
  - Lake Tahoe Marina Association (Jim Phelan)
  - League to Save Lake Tahoe (Laura Patten)
  - Meeks Bay Fire District (Steve McNamara)
  - Meeks Bay Vista Property Owners Association (Tony Evans)
  - Meeks Bay Yacht Club (John Gallagher)
  - Tahoe Lakefront Owners Association (Jan Brisco)
  - West Shore Community Member (Julie Hutchinson)
  - Woodland Pier Association (Bill Anson)



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## Should the cabin relocation be included in the preferred alternative?



*Town Hall: Do you support relocating cabins away from the shore?*

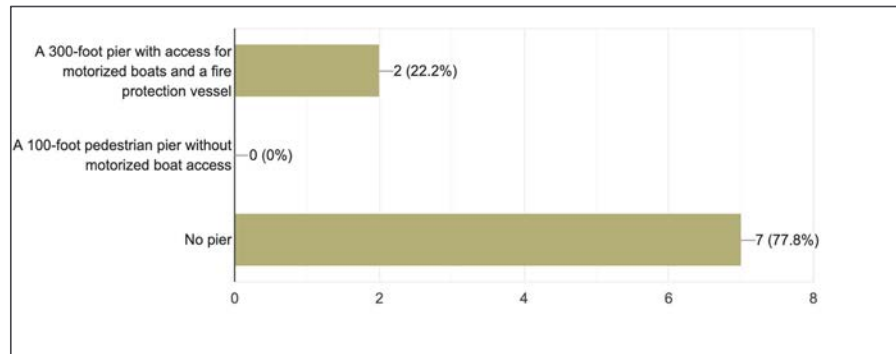
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No: 3

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## Which pier alternative do you prefer?



*Town Hall: Which pier alternative do you prefer?*

Alt 1 boating pier: 0

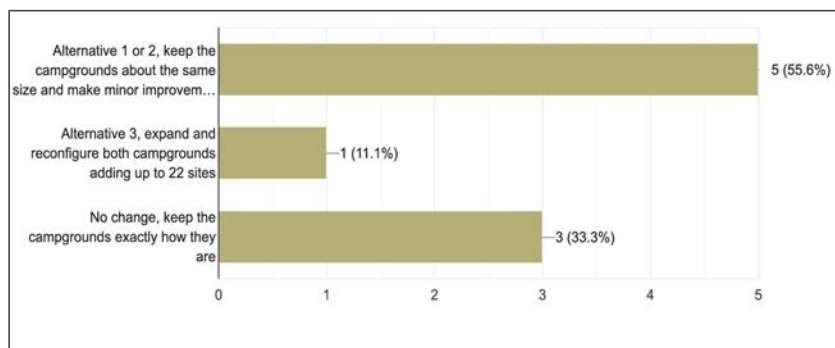
Alt 2 ped pier: 3

No pier: 16

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## What option for the campground would you prefer?



*Town Hall: Would you like to see the campgrounds expanded and reconfigured?*

Expand: No: 6

Yes: 2

Reconfigure: No: 4

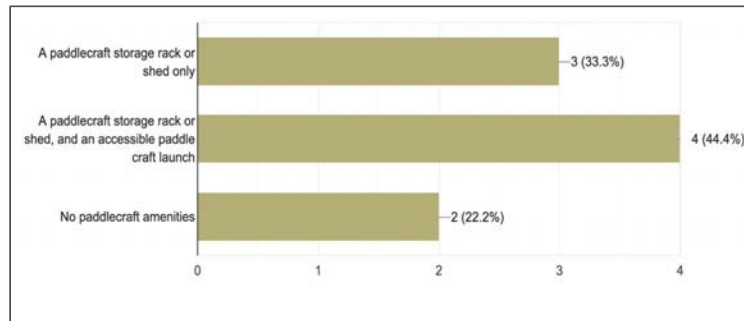
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## Which option for paddlecraft amenities do you prefer?



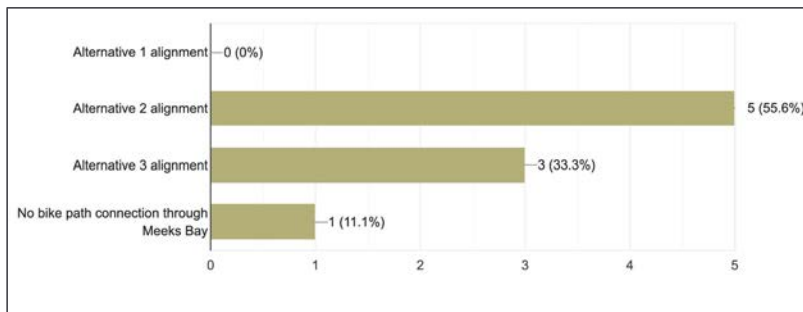
**Town Hall: Do you support including paddlecraft storage and or launch?**

Yes, both: 3      Neither: 9      Storage Only: 6      Launch Only: 0

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## Which bike path alignment would you prefer?



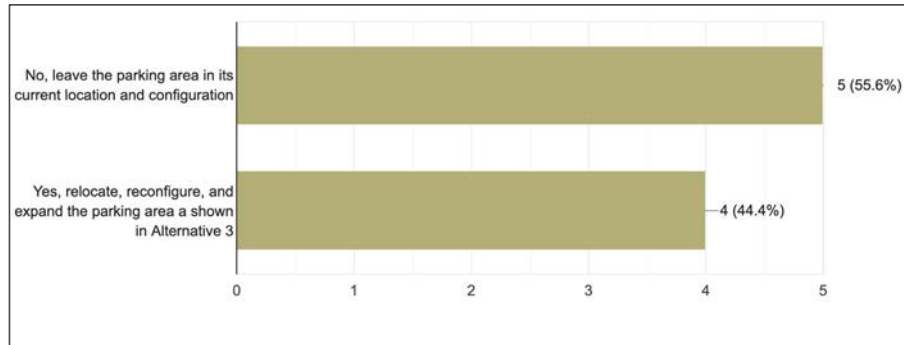
**Town Hall: Which Bike Path alignment do you prefer?**

Alternative 1: 0      Alternative 2: 10      Alternative 3: 1

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## Should the parking area on the south side of Meeks Bay be reconfigured and expanded?



***Town Hall: Do you think the parking on the south side of Meeks Bay should be expanded and reconfigured as proposed in Alternative 3?***

Yes: 9

No: 1

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## Other Topics Asked in Town Hall

***Do you support complete removal of the marina and restoration of the lagoon?***

Yes: 18

No: 6

***What amenities would you like to see in the day use/picnic areas?***

- Picnic tables (3)
- Trash cans
- Running water bathrooms
- Outdoor rinse off shower
- Snack shack
- Bracket chairs
- Blocked swimming area
- Secure bear box trash cans
- I feel this area is fine how it is (2)
- Water bottle refill stations
- "Wash, drain and dry" station for non-motorized watercraft
- Signed ADA paddle craft and beach access
- Installation of permanent BMP's in the parking lots, restrooms and roadways to manage stormwater runoff and prevent sediment from reaching Meeks Creek and Lake Tahoe.

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## Interpretative Signage Content and Location

- "Self-guided trail signs are helpful; information about the creek is always enjoyable as well."
- "A little history of the area is nice when hiking in a given area"
- "Some educational signs would be appropriate but not too many."
- "Information about how recreation impacts on our natural environment and daily actions that can help."
- "Location and content should be determined by Project Management" (2)
- "Washoe Tribe history on these signs. As Washoe people are the original inhabitants of this area, of Lake Tahoe, I feel more awareness needs to be brought to the fact that Washoe people were here, are here, and are working to restore the environment in culturally guided ways. (2)
- Information about the creek restoration, invasive species abatement, and emphasize user responsibilities, as well as Washoe, pioneer and natural history.
- Signs should be snow load and UV resistant.
- Signage along the Lagoon, Creek and pedestrian pathways with educational messaging and information on native and endemic species present at Meeks Bay, the restoration project itself, and the cultural importance of Meeks Bay for the Washoe tribe.

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## Additional Input Received

- "Would love to see a restaurant/bar accessible by boat in the area."
- "It would be ideal if Meeks Bay could restrict boaters from 1,000 feet from the shoreline so that swimmers can also enjoy this beautiful area."
- "Set up a "Rules Sign" that campers can NOT leave their gigantic pop ups and campsites on the beach overnight and play loud music."
- "Please keep the RVs on the northern end. I think adding a kayak ramp/storage would just increase tourist entitlement - leave that kind of stuff for the northern end with the resort!"
- "Place more sand in the shallow water of the swimming part of bay to make it friendly for swimmers and little kid waders ... that is, cover the small rocks out to around 30 feet from shore."
- "I would be strongly opposed to the addition of any facility that would encourage or support motorized watercraft."
- "Protections (including natural or fenced barriers) for Tahoe yellow cress at the project site, both during restoration and construction efforts, and in perpetuity following restoration. Tahoe yellow cress is an endemic species that depends upon the same habitats enjoyed by recreationists, including within the project area. Thus, the potential for human conflict exists here, and efforts must be taken to protect Tahoe yellow cress populations at the project site."

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## Next Steps & Closing Remarks

**Forum Members:**

- Review today's meeting summary when sent out
- Confer with your constituents to prepare for release of Draft EIR/EIS/EIS
- Consider attending TRPA Governing Board meeting July 29

**Members of the Public and Interested Parties:**

- Make sure we have your email address if you are not already on the project list: *please enter your name and contact info in the chat box*
- Stay tuned for information and details on the publication of the Draft EIR/EIS and public comment period
- Follow @TahoeAgency and track website to keep informed

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